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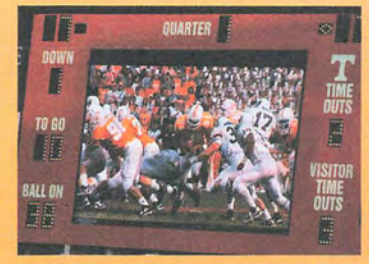

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UPDATE ON WALL OF FAME

Bids for the Wall of Fame have gone out and we should know by Sept. 21 what the final cost will be. While we believe we are nearing the amount needed to complete the project, we cannot be certain until we receive the bids. As we have previously stated, we will need to continually fund the maintenance costs (mostly the addition of names each year) for the Wall. Once again I urge you to be a part of this project if you have not already done so. Even if you have done so, we would welcome further participation if you can.

Let me remind you that these donations are 100% tax deductible and, with the end of the tax year rapidly approaching, please give thought to helping us.

There seem to have been some misconceptions regarding names on the Wall. While we are encouraging all lettermen to make contributions and help us make this project become a reality, having one's name on the Wall is not contingent upon whether or not the person has made a donation. All persons who have received a letter in an officially-sanctioned NCAA sport at The University of Tennessee will have his/her name on the Wall.

We continue to hear from family members who have received acknowledgments for memorials to their deceased relatives. They are so appreciative and many are overwhelmed by the fact that they have not been forgotten. Keep this in mind if you would like to memorialize a former team member or coach.

—Gordon Polofsky, Chairman
"Wall of Fame" Committee

BITS AND PIECES

Lettermen's Fall Weekend - The lettermen's Fall weekend is scheduled for Nov. 26 & 27. Coach Jerry Green and his basketballers will meet Long Island University in Thompson-Boling Arena at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 26. Tickets are available through the UT ticket office. A limited number of tickets to the Tennessee-Vanderbilt football game Nov. 27 remains available for lettermen. These may be obtained by calling Judy Constantine, 423/974-9054, and providing a credit card number or forwarding a check. Once again, we will have lettermen go on the field at halftime to welcome the team back on the field. Please remember this is for lettermen only.

Membership - Membership in the Lettermen's "T" Club has reached an all-time high of 1380. Interest in the T-Club seems to be growing each day. We are glad to be hearing from many lettermen for the first time since the rejuvenation of the T-Club in 1993. We still have numerous lettermen for whom we have no addresses. If you can help us with missing addresses, WE WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE IT.

Lettermen's Spring Weekend - Our Spring weekend will once again be scheduled around the Orange and White football game. Current information indicates it will be either April 15 or 22. We will put let you know as soon as we have a definite time. Tentative plans include a golf outing on Friday and a family picnic at the Keith McCord farm on Saturday. Details will be provided later. Keep watching this space in future issues for more information in the spring.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

THE MYTH OF THE MONOLITH

Okay, this is the best I could come up with for a catchy title. If you are hooked in at this point, keep reading, because I am going to tell you about the biggest project the T-Club has taken on to date, and our most important.

As many of you know, as evidenced by your generous contributions and support of the project, the T-Club has undertaken to build the Wall. It will be a six-foot high marble wall containing the names of every athletic letterman in the history of The University of Tennessee. Although the final criteria have not been set, if you were an athlete, manager or trainer who received a letter at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in a sanctioned, varsity intercollegiate sport, your name will be engraved for posterity's sake on the Wall. After much discussion and planning by the current Board of Directors for the "T" Club, along with the help of other "emeritus" members of the Board, we are about to break ground on this memorial.

So you ask, what's with the title of this article? Well, it seems that many questions have arisen since we first undertook this project. I hope this article will answer a few.

First, the names of all athletes receiving a varsity letter as I have described will be placed on the Wall. This means both male and female athletes who have lettered at UT.

NEXT, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR YOUR NAME TO BE PUT ON THE WALL. I emphasize this because many think this is some sort of fund-raising effort by the Athletic Department and yet another way to generate money. Not true. In attempting to raise the funds necessary to complete the Wall (no more than $250,000), the Board decided to seek contributions from only past lettermen. In the words of our leader on this project, Gordon Polofsky, "no contribution is too small or too large for the Wall" (he wasn't a poet in school and he sure as heck isn't now). Accordingly, if you have not yet been able to donate to the Wall, or would like to donate in honor or in memory of someone, please send any contribution you believe is appropriate to the "T" Club. Your contribution is 100% tax deductible, counts toward donor points status, and will forever endear you to this author and Judy Constantine.

Every letterman will be recognized equally on the Wall. It is anticipated that lettermen will be placed on the Wall by year. In other words, Peyton Manning's name will appear just the same as an athlete who walked on for four years and finally earned a letter in the last game of his senior year. So the good news is that guys like Wendell Anderson, Lloyd Richardson and myself can continue to overblow our careers while we were at UT.

This is an important and worthwhile project. I must admit that when the idea first came up, I had some concerns over building a monument to ourselves. But after hearing the outpouring of attention from lettermen and their families, I am convinced in my heart that this is the right thing to do. Imagine our grandchildren coming by in the years to follow and finding their grandfather or grandmother's name on the Wall. Think of the statement that this will make to recruits as they come to campus and see the hope of forever being remembered for their contribution to Tennessee athletics.

Trust me, it's worth it.

Finally, a few more myths to dispel:

1. Freshmen will not be required to memorize all names before making a travel squad.
2. Carmen Tegano and Kerry Howland will not be checking for spelling errors.
3. Former Basketball Vol Kevin Nash's name will not be preceeded by "Big Sexy."

We need your help and support!

—Don Bosch

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CHAMPS Program

For the past three years, Assistant Athletic Director for Development Betsy Roberts has directed a program called "On the Road with the Lady Vols." Each summer this group, consisting of one student-athlete from each team, has traveled to a different part of Tennessee. The main goal of the program is to give companies and boosters a hands-on opportunity to talk to the Lady Vols and ask questions about different sports. This group tries to generate support for all teams because they travel to those parts of the state to compete. This was also a time for the athletes to get to know each other. After the question and answer session, the Lady Vols autographed team pictures.

This past summer, the Lady Vols embarked on a two-night, three-day road trip to Nashville. They talked to a high school and the Rotary Club in Jackson. Later the group took in a West Tennessee Diamond Jaxx minor league baseball game.

Now that the Lady Vols have covered each part of Tennessee, they are eager to see what awaits them. Numerous requests have come from groups in East Tennessee to have the Lady Vols return. This can only be a win-win situation. It gives the Lady Vols exposure and gives the community a chance to meet the student-athletes.

If the flood of positive responses is any kind of barometer, the program has been a tremendous success and will remain a valuable part of the Lady Vol athletic department.

Program Director Betsy Roberts (far left) poses with a group of Lady Vol athletes participating in the "On the Road with Lady Vols" program.

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In Our Next Issue: A recap of the Vols' homecoming against the Memphis Tigers, fall sports preview, second insertion of "Between the Lines," and meet Cedrick Wilson.

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Gators Hold Off Fourth Quarter Rally

Vols Come Up Short in Gainesville

Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, Florida Field, Gainesville, Fla., September 18, 1999 (Game No. 1031, 691-287-53, .696)

Where do you begin to assemble the pieces of a football game that had as many twists and turns as you could possibly imagine? Just when you thought you had things figured out, here came another surprise out of left field (we're know we're mixing our sports metaphors here, but read on).

Tennessee and Florida battled fiercely on the turf of Florida Field here tonight before a crowd of 85,707, third largest in its history, and one which barely had time to catch its collective breath before one of the two teams, both nationally-ranked in the top 5, made yet another big play.

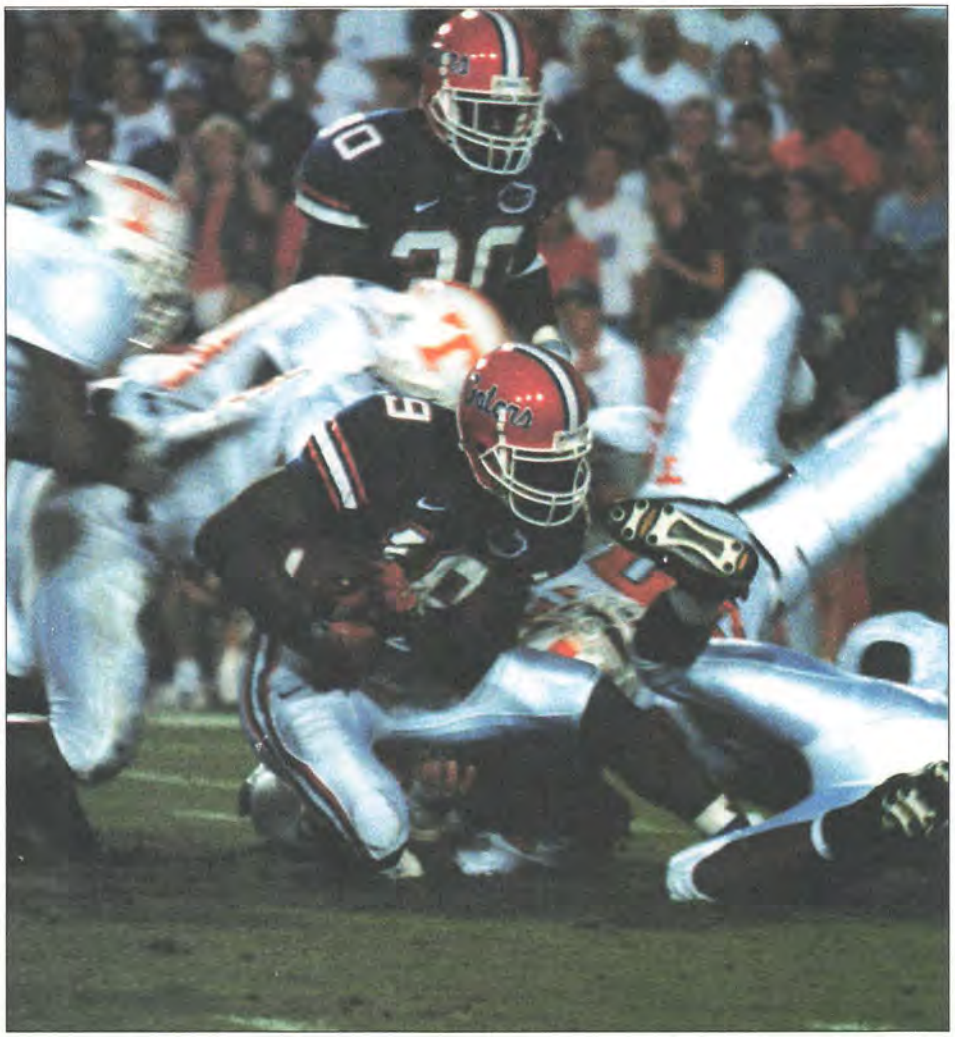
The Vols trailed 23-7 early in the third quarter, but no one in Tennessee Orange in the cavernous stadium really doubted that the Vols would find one final arrow in their quiver and would come into the final minutes with a chance to win.

The Vols came off the mat of a 16-point deficit to close the margin to two points with 5:10 left in the game. A Deon Grant interception put the Vols in position for one Jamal Lewis score and a 98-yard drive which was likewise followed by another Lewis touchdown run.

Grant's second interception put the Vols in position in the waning moments, but there would be no storybook finish to tonight. The Gators made the requisite plays when challenged and took the narrow victory.

The victory snapped a 14-game Vol winning streak (third longest in school history).

"It has been a long time since we lost a football game, but we know its not over," Vol quarterback Tee Martin said. "Florida State lost a game last year and still played for a national championship. It is not how many times you get knocked down, but how many times you get up."



Vol defenders surround Florida's Travis Taylor (19), who had five catches for 78 yards on the evening.

There were a number of keys in the game. The Vols could not contain Gator wide receiver Darrell Jackson offensively (10 catches for 161 yards) and defensive end Alex Brown (five sacks, two broken-up passes an interception, a forced fumble and seven tackles overall). Doug Johnson completed 21 of 44 passes for 343 yards and always seemed to have the right play called at the right time.

"We were getting pressure, but they were coming up with big plays," linebacker Raynoch Thompson, a tower of strength on defense, said. "Doug Johnson was able to read our defense really well.

"We have a whole season ahead of us. We lost to Florida two years ago and still came away with a ring. We are going to show plenty of character and bounce back."

The Vols had it 33:06 for the night,

but couldn't take advantage of several instances of favorable field position, particularly in the first half.

"It took us a while for us to get in tune to what they were doing on defense," Tee Martin said. "Florida did a good job of mixing up its packages. We couldn't really develop a running game because of down and distance. It was kind of predictable what we were going to do."

Both teams had a sackful of penalties, the Vols having 15 for 112 yards, the Gators 10 for 112 yards. Florida lost two fumbles and three interceptions and still lived to tell the tale.

Despite all this, the Vols made some big plays of their own. Tee Martin had a long night passing (16 of 39 for 192 yards, with seven Gator sacks thrown in for good measure). He did, however, score once, a 7-yard run on fourth-and-1 from the UF 7, when he sent the flow to the left and scored at the right corner. That gave the Vols a 7-3 lead.

Then followed a 13-0 run over the last 9:17 of the half that included a long Gator kickoff return, two field goals, a kickoff fumbled out of bounds at the Vol 8, and a TD pass from Johnson to Jackson.

After the Gators took the opening drive of the second half in for another score, it was 23-7 and things were looking bad for the guys in the white shirts. Florida Field was a madhouse. A blowout seemed imminent. But a funny thing happened on the way to the aforementioned blowout.

Grant intercepted Johnson at the 50 and returned the oskie to the UF 15. The Vols cashed it in two plays later as Tee found Cedrick Wilson (six catches for 55 yards on the night) in the left flat and Cedrick nearly scored at the left corner. After a penalty, Lewis scored from the 1 and it was 23-14 with just over six minutes left in the third quarter.

Another long kickoff return seemed to put the Gators in business, but, on fourth-and-1 at the Vol 19, Thompson knocked the ball loose and Andre Lott found the prize at the 18.

The Vols had no immediate response and three possessions later, with 9:42 left, the good guys found themselves at the UT 3 with 97 yards of Florida Field turf looking insurmountable, with a seemingly-endless row of white lines in the way.

The Vols got it done, however, in 4:32

WHAT OTHERS SAID ...

"It was fun while it lasted, but Tennessee's football joyride ended Saturday night at that old familiar dead end. The Swamp's streak is still alive. The Vols' isn't. No. 4-ranked Florida derailed — or at least seriously detoured — No. 2 Tennessee's hopes of repeating as SEC and national champions with a 23-21 victory over the Vols."

–Mike Strange, Knoxville News-Sentinel

"While the offense has won so many games in the past for the Gators, this one belonged to the defense. It withstood Tennessee's best punches, stopping tailback Jamal Lewis cold on a fourth-and-3 from the Florida 42 as the Gators clung to a 23-21 lead with just over two minutes to play."

–Joe Biddle, The Tennessean

"Florida waited a long, bitter year to prove it was better than Tennessee. Thanks to a defensive end who couldn't be stopped and a quarterback who wouldn't quit, the Gators did make their case."

--Eddie Pells, The Associated Press

"Tennessee needed a miracle Saturday night like it got time and again last year. But this time the magic wasn't there. No. 4 Florida stopped Jamal Lewis for no gain on fourth-and-3 from the Gator 42 with just over two minutes to play to take over the ball, and then ran out the clock for a 23-21 victory over the No. 2-ranked and defending national champion Vols."

–Ron Bliss, Kingsport Times-News

"Let's get it straight right from the start. The Swamp didn't win this game Saturday night. The Florida defense did. Jon Hoke's young guys won it with one of the most memorable and relentless defensive performances in the Steve Spurrier era. The defense carried UF to an emotional 23-21 victory over No. 2 Tennessee before 85,707 in The Swamp that may say to the nation the No. 4 Gators are back. Back in command in the SEC's Eastern Division. Back in the national title picture."

–Robbie Andreu, Gainesville Sun

"There's no place like home, especially for the Florida Gators. Fourth-ranked Florida proved it before a national TV audience and 85,707 shrieking, rollicking fans Saturday night, but proved it especially for second-ranked Tennessee. Home-field advantage here means playing at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, more often called "The Swamp" by Gator boosters, Gator-baiters and Gator-haters alike. The Gators, whose record in games against defending national champions was 1-7-2 entering Saturday night's game, were conservative in the first half. But they controlled the tempo, the clock, the ball and the scoreboard in a 23-21 victory over Tennessee, which had entered the game with a nation's-best 14-game winning streak."

–Ward Gossett, Chattanooga Times & Free Press

"The most anyone hoped of Florida's young defense was that it not cost the Gators a victory against Tennessee. Well, guess what? Defense saved the day. A fourth-down stand with two minutes left propelled No. 4 Florida to a 23-21 victory over No. 2 Tennessee on Saturday before a sellout crowd of 85,707, the third-largest at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium."

–Joanne Korth, St. Petersburg Times

as Martin found tight end John Finlayson for 13, David Martin for 11 (a tough catch on the far sideline), Eric Parker (four for 88 on the night) for 6 and Eric again for 45 with a nifty move to the Florida 19.

"They were leaving a lot of stuff open underneath," Parker said. "I got behind the corner on that play and the only person that could cover me was the safety, but he didn't get over."

Lewis rushed for 15 and for the score from 4 yards out and, lo and behold, here were the Vols, counted for dead like the man on the Jericho Road just moments earlier, back in the thick of things at 23-21 with 5:10 left.

"It was a good play, a good call and the line blocked well," Lewis said of the carry that got the Vols close. "It was a good drive that got us back in the game, but it just didn't happen.

Things got better when Grant picked off a Johnson aerial and the Vols had it at the Gator 49.

"I was reading the receiver that time and saw him do a stop and go," Grant said. "I read the play and got it."

Lewis rushed for 7, and thought he was going to score.

"It was open and I was following Phillip Crosby," Lewis said. "He blocked the safety, and I tripped over his feet. That play might have been out of the gate." It was that close.

But the next three plays netted no gain, the Gators took over and that was that.

"We need to keep our heads up and remember one game is not going to keep us out of it," Lewis said.

"We are going to regroup and stick with the things we have been doing," Parker said. "We have to keep improving every game."

—Volunteers Magazine Staff

"It has been a long time since we lost a football game, but we know its not over. Florida State lost a game last year and still played for a national championship. It is not how many times you get knocked down, but how many times you get up."

—Vol quarterback Tee Martin

Jamal Lewis rushed for 99 yards on 22 attempts to lead all Vol ballcarriers. Lewis moved into sixth place on the all-time rushing list surpassing Aaron Hayden and Charlie Garner.

WEEKEND NOTES: Despite a career-high 25 kills from middle blocker Ariana Wilson, the Tennessee volleyball squad lost to Kansas 16-14, 2-15, 15-10, 12-15, 15-7, in the third annual Toyota Lady Vol Classic at Stokely Athletics Center... Earlier in the tournament, the Lady Vols defeated Lehigh 15-1, 15-7, 15-4... The loss in the finals dropped the Lady Vols to 5-6 on the season... Hosting the First Tennessee Bank Classic at the UT Soccer Complex, the Lady Vol soccer team aimed to get back on the winning track against visiting George Mason, but fell short after three second half goals shocked the Lady Vols 3-1... In tennis action, sophomore Andy Crews defeated Jason Moon of American University 6-3, 6-3, in the pre-qualifying bracket of the T. Rowe Price Clay Court Championships in Baltimore, Md.... In the second round of the tournament, Crews dropped a 6-2, 1-6, 7-6(3) decision to Eleazzar Magallan of Kansas... The men's cross country squad swept to its second win of the young season at the UT Invitational. The men won over East Tennessee State University 16-47 behind the impressive performances of All-SEC performers Anthony Famiglietti and Jon Jamison... In all, 10 of the top 15 finishers wore the Orange and White.

Division	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
EAST				
Florida	1	0	3	0
Georgia	1	0	2	0
Vanderbilt	1	1	2	1
Kentucky	0	0	2	1
Tennessee	0	1	1	1
S. Carolina	0	1	0	3
WEST				
Auburn	1	0	3	0
Alabama	1	0	2	1
Miss. State	0	0	3	0
Arkansas	0	0	2	0
LSU	0	1	2	1
Mississippi	0	1	2	1

(As of Sept. 19)

SEC Scores

Louisiana Tech 29
Alabama 28

Louisiana-Monroe 6
Arkansas 44

Kentucky 44
Indiana 35

Auburn 41
LSU 7

Oklahoma State 11
Mississippi State 29

East Carolina 21
South Carolina 3

Vanderbilt 37
Mississippi 34 OT

Open -- Georgia

RANKINGS (AP & USA Today/ESPN): UT 2 & 2, UF T4 & 4

GAME NOTES

The loss ended Tennessee's 14-game winning streak as well as its 17-game SEC win streak.

Jamal Lewis (2110) moved past Aaron Hayden (2061) and Charlie Garner (2089) for sixth place on the Vols all-time rushing list.

With Deon Grant's two interceptions, he now has eight career interceptions.

Tennesee's 15 penalties (112 yards) were the most by a Vol team. Previously, the Vols had been flagged 13 times in five other games, the last being the 1997 Citrus Bowl win over Northwestern.

Statistics - Tennessee vs. Florida

Team Statistics	T	
First Downs	17	19
Rushing	7	4
Passing	8	12
Penalty	2	3
Rushing Attempts	40	27
Yards Gained	143	132
Yards Lost	48	9
Net Yards Rushing	95	123
Net Yards Passing	192	343
Passes Attempted	40	44
Passes Completed	16	21
Had Intercepted	1	3
Total Offensive Plays	80	71
Total Net Yards	287	466
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-2
Int. Return/Yards	3-46	1-0
Penalties/Yards	15-112	10-112
Third Down Conversions	2 of 16	4 of 13
Fourth Down Conversions	1of 4	0 of 2
Punts/Average	10-40.8	4-37.3
Punt Returns/Yards	2-38	6-37
Kickoff Returns/Yards	1-39	4-99
Sacks By/Yards	0-0	7-36
Time of Possession	33:06	26:54

SCORE BY QUARTER

TENNESSEE	0	7	7	7 — 21
FLORIDA	3	13	7	0 — 23

SCORING SUMMARY

1F - Chandler, FG 23.
Drive: 8 plays, 83 yards, 2:01 possession, 7:40 on clock.
2T - T. Martin, run 7. Loudermilk kick.
Drive: 5 plays, 33 yards, 1:39 possession, 9:17 on clock.
2F - Chandler, FG 33.
Drive: 4 plays, 28 yards, 1:16 possession, 8:01 on clock.
2F - Chandler, FG 41.
Drive: 10 plays, 45 yards, 2:07 possession, 3:37 on clock.
2F - Jackson, pass from Johnson 11. Chandler kick.
Drive; 2 plays, 31 yards, :30 possession, :51 on clock.
3F - Caldwell, pass from Johnson 4. Chandler kick.
Drive: 8 plays, 78 yards, 2:56 possession, 12:04 on clock.
3T - Lewis, run 1. Loudermilk kick.
Drive: 2 plays, 15 yards, :46 possession, 6:19 on clock.
4T - Lewis, run 4. Loudermilk kick.
Drive: 12 plays, 97 yards, 4:32 possession, 5:10 on clock.

TENNESSEE INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING	Att	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Lg
Lewis	22	111		12	99	2
17						
Henry	5	15	0	15	0	8
T. Martin	12	16	36	-20	1	7
Crosby	1	1	0	1	0	1
Totals	***40***	***143***	***48***	***95***	***3***	***17***

PASSING	Att	Comp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg
T. Martin	39	16	1	192	0	45
Team	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	***40***	***16***	***1***	***192***	***0***	***45***

RECEIVING	No	Yards	TD	Lg
C. Wilson	6	55	0	14
Parker	4	88	0	45
D. Martin	2	17	0	11
L. Scott	1	11	0	11
Lewis	1	5	0	5
Finlayson	1	13	0	13
Bartholomew	1	3	0	3
Totals	***16***	***192***	***0***	***45***

PUNTING	No	Yards	Avg	LP
Leaverton	10	408	40.8	54
Totals	***10***	***408***	***40.8***	***54***

PUNT RETURNS	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Parker	2	38	19	0	23
Totals	***2***	***38***	***19***	***0***	***23***

KO RETURNS	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
L. Scott	1	39	39	0	39
Totals	***1***	***39***	***39***	***0***	***39***

FGS	0-29	30-39	40-49	50-60	60+LK
Loudermilk					
Totals	***None Attempted***				

INTERCEPTIONS	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Grant	2	46	0	35
Allen	1	0	0	0
Totals	***3***	***46***	***0***	***35***

FLORIDA INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING	Att	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Lg
Graham	19	90	5	85	0	29
Gillespie	5	33	2	31	0	24
Johnson	2	9	0	9	0	9
Team	1	0	2	-2	0	-2
Totals	***27***	***132***	***9***	***123***	***0***	***29***

PASSING	Att	Comp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg
Johnson	44	21	3	343	2	40
Totals	***44***	***21***	***3***	***343***	***2***	***40***

RECEIVING	No	Yards	TD	Lg
Jackson	10	161	1	40
Taylor	5	78	0	39
Willis	4	72	0	23
Kinney	1	28	0	28
Caldwell	1	4	1	4
Totals	***21***	***343***	***2***	***40***

PUNTING	No	Yards	Avg	LP
Wasielewski	2	67	33.5	43
Rhine	2	82	41.0	49
Totals	***4***	***149***	***37.3***	***49***

PUNT RETURNS	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Caldwell	4	31	7.8	0	19
Jackson	1	10	10	0	10
Taylor	1	-4	-4	0	-4
Totals	***6***	***37***	***6.2***	***0***	***19***

KO RETURNS	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Carroll	2	83	41.5	0	50
Caldwell	1	11	11	0	11
Norwood	1	5	5	0	5
Totals	***4***	***99***	***24.7***	***0***	***50***

FGS	0-29	30-39	40-49	50-60	60+LK
Chandler	1/1	1/1	1/1		41
Totals	***1/1***	***1/1***	***1/1***		***41***

INTERCEPTIONS	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Brown	1	0	0	0
Totals	***1***	***0***	***0***	***0***

Fulmer File...

FLORIDA GAME 1999

After a bruising battle that was a textbook study of toughness by Florida and Tennessee, the only thing for the Vols to do now is to go back to work and try to start another victory streak.

We have plenty to work on in the weeks ahead, but there is no doubt in my mind we will make strides from game to game. Our first priority is to be ready to play winning football against Memphis Saturday afternoon.

By coming back the way we did against Florida, taking it down to needing a field goal on our last series, our team showed again that it never gives up. That's the same attitude that will allow us to bounce back and have a successful season.

It's tough to find good things in a heartbreaking loss, but, as I told the squad after the game, I couldn't be more pleased than I was with the effort we received. Four years ago, we came down to Gainesville and lost in the second half when we didn't play nearly as hard as we did this time.

The closing minutes of the 23-21 defeat found us with a golden opportunity to pull out a victory. We couldn't cash in a situation that reflects great credit to Florida for making the kind of clutch plays that we so often came up with in putting together our 14-game winning streak.

On our final play, as I told the media, I would have tried something else if I had to do it over. But that's because we didn't make it. There are no mulligans in football, of course. At the time, we felt good about our chances to convert on fourth down, with our best back running behind our best lineman on a play that had worked well for us all night.

It wasn't Tee Martin's night throwing the football, a situation that Florida's pressure caused to a great extent. Tee showed incredible character and competitiveness, though, just like he always does. The same can said of Florida's Doug Johnson, the senior quarterback who made some great plays when the Gators had to have them.

Florida's defensive showing came as no surprise. The Gators had given up yardage to their first two opponents, but mainly after the outcome had been determined.

One area we will bear down on this week will be to avoid penalties. We had 15, which is a ridiculous number. Since Florida had 10, there was some sloppy play on both sides. I intend to reduce our penalties drastically in the Memphis game.

At halftime, we set a goal we failed to meet, placing us in a bind for the rest of the game. In the dressing room, we harped on the idea we needed to come out and take charge early. Our emphasis was on throwing up a stone wall defensively to stop Florida on its first possession.

But the Gators came out running and drove the length of the field for a touchdown that left us facing a 16-point deficit. Despite our best effort, we were unable to slice the lead to less than a touchdown until the final few minutes.

We have to come up with some receivers who can take a load off Cedrick Wilson. That's just one of a number of problems we need to correct.

As we prepare to meet Memphis, the emphasis in practice will be on improving our performance in every way. Nothing less than better execution in everything we do will produce victory Saturday.

We look forward to Homecoming and a chance to visit with our alumni this weekend. Thanks to everyone for the wonderful support we received in Gainesville.

—Phillip Fulmer

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Ben Byrd on the Vols...

Ties That Bind Two SEC Foes

Tennessee and Florida have become arch football foes rather late in life. The Southeastern Conference's hottest rivalry of the 1990s was only a sometime thing before the SEC mandated that the Vols and Gators play each other on an annual basis following the expansion of the conference to 12 teams in 1992 and the advent of divisional play.

Even that might not have been enough to do the trick if it had not turned out that these two programs became the resident giants not only of the SEC East but also of the entire conference. Since 1993, one or the other has won the league championship every season, and the pundits of the press box are unanimous in predicting that it will be that way again in 1999.

And so what began as an intermittent rivalry and stayed that way for many years has suddenly erupted into an annual war that seems to rage hotter and heavier each season. If the people who draw up the schedules could have seen this coming, they probably would have arranged for the two teams to meet later in the season, but perhaps it is just as well the way it is. Tennessee needed a big early season foe to replace Auburn, a great rivalry which fell victim to the conference rearrangement, and Florida has certainly filled that hole very nicely.

Although the Vols and the Gators had met on the gridiron only 21 times in a hundred years leading up to the 1992 season, a connection of a friendlier sort had sprung up between the two schools since World War II.

Since 1950, when ex-Vol player Bob Woodruff was named Florida's head coach, two former pupils of Tennessee's legendary Bob Neyland have served as the Gators' coach and one ex-Gator player did a hitch as the head coach of the Volunteers. And a number of other old Vols have served as Gator assistants, while other Gators have served as Tennessee assistants.

After Woodruff took over the Florida job, he brought two familiar Tennessee men to Gainesville to serve on his staff. After Harvey Robinson was ousted as the Vol head coach, he joined Woodruff's staff in 1955 as offensive coordinator. And John Mauer, a longtime UT aide, left the Army head basketball post to serve as a grid assistant and head cage coach for the Gators.

Woodruff gave Florida football the first taste of prosperity it had experienced in decades, developing such Gator stars as Rick Casares and Haywood Sullivan. When he bowed out after ten seasons, the Gators called on another Tennessee man. Ray Graves, a center for the Vols in the early 1940s and 1941 captain, had enjoyed a long stint as Bobby Dodd's defensive coordinator at Georgia Tech. His ten-year tenure at Gainesville later won him election to the College Football Hall of Fame.

Meanwhile, back at Knoxville, the plot thickened. Woodruff had returned to UT in 1961 to serve as line coach for his old friend and former teammate Bowden Wyatt. After Wyatt's dismissal in 1963, Woodruff was named athletics director at UT, a position he had held at Florida along with the head coaching portfolio.

After Jim McDonald's one-season term as the Vols' head coach, Woodruff turned to one of his former Florida players to put Tennessee back on the football map. Young Doug Dickey, who had been Woodruff's quarterback at Gainesville a decade earlier, quickly restored order to the Vol grid program. And one of his key assistants was still another former Gator quarterback, Jimmy Dunn.

Dickey fashioned a six-year record of 46-15-4 and led the Vols to Southeastern Conference championships in 1967 and 1969. But again the plot was thickening, this time in Gainesville.

After ten years of turning out solid winners, Graves was ready to leave active coaching and confine his duties to the AD role. Dickey, as the hottest ex-Gator item on the coaching scene, was being talked about as his successor. By an ironic twist of fate, Florida and Tennessee met in the Gator Bowl in late December 1969 with rumors swirling around Jacksonville concerning the impending Florida coaching vacancy. The Gators won the game, 14-13, in Graves' farewell appearance on the sidelines, and a few days later it was announced that Dickey would replace him.

That was the only game Graves ever coached against his alma mater, but the old Vol captain had scored a significant recruiting victory over his old school years earlier. In 1962, the top high school player in East Tennessee was a quarterback for Science Hill High in Johnson City named Steve Spurrier. Graves beat the Tennessee staff to the draw in that one, and, four years later, Spurrier led the Gators to a 9-1 season and became Florida's first Heisman Trophy winner.

And even there the Tennessee-Florida connection didn't end. Dickey left Florida after seven years and later returned to UT as AD, but during his term as Gator head coach one of his assistants was a bright young offensive specialist by the name of, you guessed it, Steve Spurrier.

Former Vol

Gene McEver

(1928-29, 31)

When the history of the Vol football program in this century is written, the name Eugene Tucker McEver will stand front and center.

It was McEver, AKA the "Wild Bull" or the "Bristol Blizzard," who set the Vols off on the path of football glory with his 98-yard opening kickoff return against Alabama in 1928, a game the Vols won 15-13.

Things have not been the same football-wise around Knoxville since.

McEver was the Vols' first All-America selection in 1929 and was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1954. He was also an All-Southern selection in 1928, 1929 and 1931.

He was named to the Pre-1940s team in 1990 during the "100 Years of Volunteers" celebration.

A native of Bristol, Va., McEver was the NCAA scoring champion in 1929 with 21 TDs and four PATs for 130 points.

McEver died July 12, 1985.

Gene McEver is one of the standards by which Tennessee running backs have been measured over the years.

This Week In Big Orange Country

Big Orange Banking

On Aug.31, the University of Tennessee athletics department, First Tennessee and The Collegiate Licensing Company (CLC) announced the development of "Big Orange Banking," a new checking program for Tennessee fans available from First Tennessee Bank.

First Tennessee Bank has been associated with the University of Tennessee and its athletic department for more than 10 years. Since their involvement began, First Tennessee has provided the University and the athletic department with a large amount of money through their sponsorships, signage displays and promotional work.

"The University of Tennessee is pleased to have worked with First Tennessee Bank and CLC to develop the first jointly licensed men's and women's collegiate athletics promotion," said Athletics Director Doug Dickey. "Big Orange Banking will appeal to fans of both athletics departments and it demonstrates UT's continued commitment to teamwork."

First Tennessee Bank will be the exclusive bank of "Big Orange Banking" for the next three years. "Big Orange Banking" will include checks featuring four photographic images of Tennessee student-athletes in action, a choice of a "Power T" or a "Lady Vols" orange leather checkbook cover, an exclusive discount card for 10 percent off merchandise purchased from Tennessee Traditions on the UT campus or its internet site, a free one-year subscription to *Volunteers Magazine*, and a chance to win season tickets to football and men's and women's basketball games.

"First Tennessee considers itself to be the hometown bank for Tennessee across the state, and we consider ourselves to be the 'Bank of the Vols and Lady Vols,' so it is a natural partnership," said Larry Martin, First Tennessee's CEO. "We are honored to be the largest corporate partner to UT Athletics and to be the exclusive provider of 'Big Orange Banking' which will give Vol and Lady Vol fans another way to show their support for the best collegiate athletics program in the country."

As The University of Tennessee's licensing representative, CLC worked closely with UT and First Tennessee Bank in the development of "Big Orange Banking."

—Volunteers Magazine Staff

Lady Vols Release 1999-2000 Schedule

The University of Tennessee Lady Volunteer basketball schedule has been finalized for the 1999-2000 season and features more than a dozen opponents who are expected to be ranked among the nation's top 25 teams.

In addition to the perennial Southeastern Conference powerhouses, the Lady Vols will also tangle with NCAA Champion Purdue and top rivals Stanford, UCLA, Wisconsin, Texas and Old Dominion. A new twist this season will be a home-and-home affair with the Connecticut Huskies, with both drawing national television attention. Tennessee will host the State Farm Women's Tip-Off Classic Nov. 14, meeting Louisiana Tech, while Rutgers faces a team to be named later. The Lady Vols will also venture to Cleveland, Ohio, and have a neutral site meeting with North Carolina State set at Gund Arena.

Tennessee's home opener starts with long-standing rival Louisiana Tech, who was a 1999 Final Four participant. Other non-conference guests to the Thompson-Boling Arena will include UT-Martin, Purdue, Texas, Old Dominion and Connecticut. UT's home SEC schedule features Arkansas, Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana State and Auburn.

"With the makeup of the teams on our schedule year-in and year-out, our home schedule is very appealing to our fans. This year is no exception," said Summitt. "We start off with an exhibition game against the U.S. National Team, the nucleus of the 2000 Olympic Team headed for Australia. A week later, we open our collegiate season against Louisiana Tech at home in the Hall of Fame game, and, a few weeks after that, we welcome Purdue -- the 1999 NCAA Champions -- to our arena. It doesn't get any easier after that, either," she said.

Junior guard Semeka Randall and her teammates will tip off the 1999-2000 season Nov. 14 in the State-Farm Tip-Off Classic.

Tennessee's away schedule before the millennium will quickly break-in the four Lady Vol rookies by facing Stanford and UCLA on a Thanksgiving road swing, and single games at Wisconsin, Memphis, DePaul and St. Joseph's.

In January, the Lady Vols will make five road trips, visiting LSU, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, and the aforementioned game against North Carolina State. UT rounds out the traveling portion of the regular season schedule in February with games at Connecticut, Mississippi, Mississippi State, and Vanderbilt.

—Lady Vol Media Relations

Ellis Named SEC Defensive Player of the Week

Tennessee's Shaun Ellis was named the Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Week following the Vols' 42-17 victory over Wyoming in the 1999 season opener for the defending national champions. Ellis, a senior from Anderson, S.C., recorded three sacks for minus 22 yards, a caused fumble, four quarterback pressures and two other tackles for loss from his defensive end position. Ellis' three sacks led the Vols' sack pack that recorded a school-record 13 sacks against Wyoming, breaking the previous record of eight set three different times.

The Vols limited Wyoming to 203 yards of total offense, including only 8 yards on the ground.

Vol Harriers Open with Win

Behind the running of 10 freshmen, Tennessee's men's cross country team opened the 1999 season with a win at the Catamount Classic hosted by Western Carolina in Cullowhee, N.C.

The Vol thinclads, running without two All-Southeastern Conference performers, placed three runners in the top 10 as they totaled 40 points in the eight team field for the victory. Brevard College finished second with 47 points, led by individual winner Michael Sang, who finished the 6000-meter course in 18:41. Emory University finished third with 98 points, followed by Furman (115), Western Carolina (121), East Tennessee State (131), High Point (186) and Wofford (222).

Tennessee's top runners, junior Brian Wallace, and freshmen Justin Willingham and Ryan Clark, placed third, fourth and 10th, finishing the course in 18:54, 18:55 and 19:11, respectively.

Not far behind to round out the scoring were two more freshmen in Colin Rochford and Rob Cloutier who finished 16th and 17th with times of 19:21 and 19:23.

2000 Tennessee Baseball Recruits

The University of Tennessee baseball team released its 2000 class recruits:

KRIS BENNETT, INF (5-11, 170, R-R, Jr.), Huntingdon, Tenn. (Jackson State CC). PERSONAL: Full name is Kristopher Michael Bennett...Born Oct. 3, 1979, in Jackson, Tenn...Son of Mike and Linda Bennett...Has a sister, Kacy.

JOSEPH BERTOLINO, LHP (6-5, 250, L-L, Jr.), Carmel, Calif. (Sacramento City CC). PERSONAL: Full name is Joseph Stewart Bertolino...Born June 3, 1978, in Billings, Mont...Son of Bryce and Vicki Bertolino...Has three sisters, Erin, Emily and Devon.

JUDSON BROWNELL, RHP (6-0, 180, R-R, Fr.), Kingsport, Tenn. (Dobyns-Bennett). PERSONAL: Full name is Frank Judson Brownell IV...Born July 11, 1981, in Chattanooga, Tenn...Son of Jud and Cathy Brownell.

RYAN CASE, INF (6-1, 198, R-R, Jr.), Fair Oaks, Calif. (Sacramento City CC). PERSONAL: Full name is Ryan Gordon Case....Born Mar. 25, 1978, in Sacramento, Calif...Son of Bob and Joyce Case...Father played Double-A baseball in the Chicago Cubs organization....Has one sister, Lisa, and stepbrother, Matt.

BRANDON CROWE, RHP (6-0, 175, R-R, Fr.), Johnson City, Tenn. (Science Hill). PERSONAL: Full name is Christopher Brandon Crowe...Born June 29, 1981, in Johnson City, Tenn...Son of Steve and Carol Crowe...Has one brother, Nick.

BRIAN GATES, RHP (6-1, 180, R-R, So.), Granite Bay, Calif. (Sacramento State University). PERSONAL: Full name is Brian Matthew Gates...Born Sept. 25, 1979, in Iowa City, Iowa...Son of Gerald and Deborah Gates...His brother, Jeff, is a catcher at Cal State Fullerton.

GIOVANNI GRAS, C (6-2, 205, R-R, Jr.), Miami, Fla. (St. Thomas University). PERSONAL: name is Giovanni F. Gras...Born Feb. 9, 1977, in Miami, Fla...Son of Giomar Gras and Maria Mitjans...Has two , Giomar and Anthony.

KYLE HOOKER, INF (6-3, 210, R-R, So.), Clarksville, Tenn. (University of Kentucky). PERSONAL: Full name is Kyle Douglas Hooker...Born Feb. 29, 1980, in Atlanta, Ga...Son of Michael and Donna Hooker...Has a brother, Ryan, and sister, Angie.

JOHN MASSEY, C (6-4, 225, R-R, Jr.), Adamsville, Tenn. (University of Mississippi). PERSONAL: Full name is John Mark Massey...Born Oct. 2, 1978..Son of Mark and Rosalind Massey.

RYAN MOFFETT, OF (5-10, 187, R-R, So.), Knoxville, Tenn. (UNC Asheville). PERSONAL: Full name is Ryan Moffett...Born Jan. 11, 1980...Son of Beth and Monty Harris.

COREY MURKS, 1B (6-3, 190, R-R, Jr.), Killen, Ala. (Wallace State CC). PERSONAL: Full name is Michael Corey Murks...Born April 24, 1979...Son of Mike and Shelaine Murks...Has one brother, Rusty.

HUNTER RIGSBY, INF (5-8, 180, R-R, Fr.), Knoxville, Tenn. (Farragut). PERSONAL: Full name Hunter Andrew Rigsby...Born Nov. 12, 1980, in Knoxville, Tenn...Son Ron and Linda Rigsby...Has one brother, Heath, and sister, Heather.

ADAM SMITH, OF (5-11, 200, L-L, Jr.), Cumming, Ga. (Jefferson State CC). PERSONAL: Full name is Adam Jarrett Smith...Born May 10, 1978, in Athens, Ga...Son of Horace and Debbie Smith...Has a brother, Alex, and sister, Allison.

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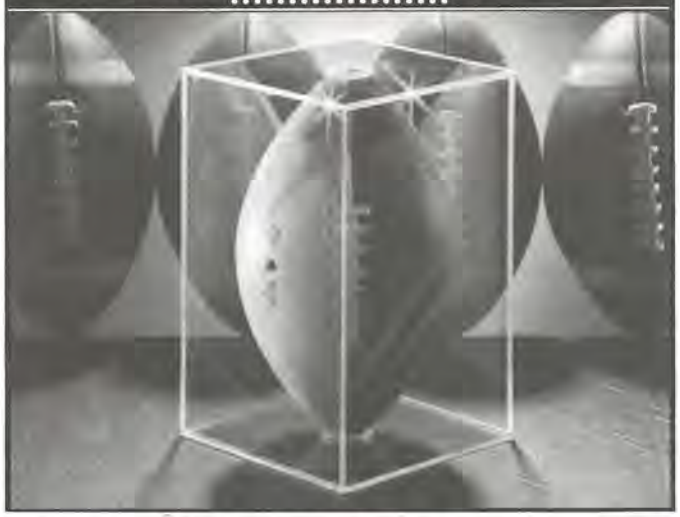

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Action Sports Media (ASM) unveiled Sony's first LED outdoor video board before 107,597 fans Sept. 4. The Board stands 193-feet high, from the top of the board to ground level. It can be seen even from downtown Knoxville to the east.

The new video board is, as mentioned earlier, the largest in college football, and is the first Sony LED outdoor video board in the United States. There are 898,560 points of light in the JumboTron, which measures 51 feet high and 132 feet long. The footing is eight feet in diameter and is embedded into the ground 52 feet deep with 250 cubic yards of concrete holding it in place. There are 350 tons of steel supporting the 275-ton video board, for a total weight in of 625 tons.

"We are very excited about the addition of the JumboTron to Neyland Stadium," said Athletics Director Doug Dickey. "The value of a seat in our stands now approaches the value of a seat in our executive boxes, where there has been the ability to monitor replay screens for several years."

Two of the most frequently asked questions arise. How big is the actual screen? Can you see it in the daytime? The actual screen size is 28 feet high by 44 feet across. It begged the response by several athletic staff members: "Can we hook up our Sony PlayStation to it?" As for seeing the screen during the daytime, at 2 p.m. on the Friday before the Wyoming game, Sports Information staff members were in the press box while the video board was running its test. It was amazingly clear and, in direct sunlight, glare was non-existent.

The video board has added an element of excitement that will significantly bring the total enjoyment of going to a football game to the average fan beyond the normal level of expectations. In short, more "bang for the buck."

"I don't have the problems some teams may have where they have to generate some excitement; there's plenty of that on the field. All I have to do is enhance and magnify the atmosphere for a great game without taking away from the action on the field," Barry Rice, executive producer of the JumboTron, said.

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UT Honors Nathan Dougherty Society Members

Tennessee's national football champions have been honored across the country since the end last season But at the beginning of this season, it was a time for honoring the fans who help make Tennessee's success possible.

Larry and Floyd Pratt are pictured with with Athletics Director Doug Dickey as 65 Nathan Dougherty members were recognized Sept. 3.

The athletic department invited members of the Nathan Dougherty Society to Club LeConte atop the First Tennessee Bank building in downtown Knoxville Sept. 3. The dinner was a way for the Athletic Department to show how important members are to the success of Tennessee's athletic programs.

The Nathan Dougherty Society is made up of athletic donors who have made gifts or pledges of $125,000 or more to athletic department. It was started in 1997 with the goal of fully endowing the 144 scholarships male athletes receive. That was quite a goal, but one the Athletic Development Office was willing to undertake.

With the induction of 35 new members Sept. 3, the society has grown to 64 members. This represents $8 million in endowments to the athletic department.

"Endowing a scholarship enables the members to provide a legacy for themselves or those people they have chosen to honor," said Mike Hamilton, Associate Athletics Director for Development and Marketing. "An endowment lasts a lifetime, and will allow future Vols to perform in their names."

Members of the society came from as far away as Phoenix, Ariz., Orlando, Fla., and Washington, D.C., to be a part of the celebration.

Athletics Director Doug Dickey also expressed his gratitude to the society members.

"You make the last endeavor in helping us build a sports program," Dickey told the group of 200. "Endowments are what gives us the winning edge. You allow us to be extremely competitive and give us the resources to be the best."

Dickey also noted that the University would like to add men's soccer to the varsity sports at UT, and two more women's sports. The endowment of scholarships is key in making that happen.

Student-athletes Vincent Yarbrough and Chris Burke were on hand as well to express their gratitude to the people who make their being at UT possible.

"I came to Tennessee because of the mystique of the athletic program and the success of the baseball program," Burke said. "When we take the field, we are trying to make you proud because of the gift you have given us. We play for the name on the front of uniforms, not the one on the back."

The evening was capped when Hamilton announced the Condredge Holloway Athletic Endowment. (See page 17 for full story.)

—Rob Hardin

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VASF & Marketing News

VASF Day Set for Oct. 2

Oct. 2 has been slated as VASF Day, a day of recognition of the importance of VASF donors at Thompson-Boling Arena. The doors will open two and one-half hours prior to the Tennessee vs. Auburn game. Game time has not been set as of this time. Watch this space in future editions for more information about this special day of "thanks" for all VASF contributors.

VASF Office Hours for Memphis Football Game Day

The Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund office will be open Saturday, Sept. 25, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. for those wishing to stop by and say "hello." We look forward to seeing you.

Junior Vols

The Junior Vols kids club, sponsored by Chick-fil-A, is growing strong. This is a club designed for youngsters to offer them an opportunity to support the Volunteer athletic program in a unique myriad of ways.

Renewing members will receive a special Junior Vols lunch bag, perfect for toting club members' lunches.

Annual membership in the Junior Vols costs $25 and provides many benefits, from a newsletter (*Paw Prints*) to a birthday card from Smokey to special pre-game functions and tours of athletic facilities. Also included are a free T-Shirt and membership card, free admission to certain Tennessee home Olympic events and a host of special events designed for younger Volunteer fans. For more information, please contact the Marketing office at (423) 974-1734.

Nathan Dougherty Dinner Reception

The VASF would like to thank everyone who attended the annual Nathan Dougherty Dinner held at Club LeConte Sept. 3. Your contributions to the University and its athletic department are invaluable. There are stories regarding the Nathan Dougherty Society (page 14) and the Condredge Holloway Athletic Scholarship (page 17).

It is now easier to find the athletic administration offices with the new Orange awning outside of Stokely Athletic Center.

Basketball Season Tickets and Big Game Packages Available

Help *Crash the Party* this winter with the Tennessee men's basketball team. Coming off back-to-back 20-win seasons, head coach Jerry Green promises another exciting year, from the beaches of Puerto Rico to the hoopla surrounding the NCAA Tournament. The Vols' actions surrounding the turn of the millennium promise to turn some heads. There are two ticket packages available.

The first is the season ticket. This is a ticket to all 18 home games on the Vols' schedule in 1999-2000, including SEC foes Auburn, Kentucky and Arkansas. Season tickets are $208 each.

The other ticket, designed for those who can't make many mid-week games, is the Big Game Pack. It includes four games (three on Saturdays) and contains SEC opponents Mississippi, South Carolina, Florida and Kentucky. Big Game Packs are $48 each.

Contact the Ticket office at (423) 656-1200 for ticket brochure and ordering information.

The 1999 Krystal Tip-Off Banquet

Get ready to tip off the 1999-2000 season with Tennessee head coaches Jerry Green and Pat Head Summitt October 14 at the Thompson-Boling Arena, beginning at 7 p.m. This year's featured speaker will be WNBA president Val Ackerman. The meal will be catered by Calhoun's and more information is available by contacting the women's Marketing office at (423) 974-0001.

Tickets are $25 per person, or $200 for a table seating eight (seven guests plus a Tennessee player or coach).

"Midnight Madness"

The men's and women's basketball teams will tip off their 1999-2000 seasons with another wild "Midnight Madness," scheduled for Friday, Oct. 15 at Thompson-Boling Arena. More information will be forthcoming in later issues.

The Dasani Volunteer Village

This conglomeration of games, vendors, live entertainment and good food did well at the Tennessee-Wyoming game. It takes place on the Agricultural campus beginning two and one-half hours before kickoff for each Tennessee home football game.

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Come see the excitement before attending Homecoming.

--Compiled by Steve Sams

Donors Endow Scholarship Honoring Former Vol Holloway

Condredge Holloway, former Volunteer quarterback and baseball All-America, "made it happen" for the Vols when he was a student-athlete at Tennessee.

Holloway recently helped to begin a program to give back something to the University that helped make him a star.

Associate Athletics Director Mike Hamilton announced the creation of the Condredge Holloway Athletic Scholarship. This is currently a partial endowment (minimum gift $25,000) with the eventual goal to have enough to endow a full scholarship ($125,000).

Several donors approached Hamilton about the possibility of endowing a scholarship in the former Vol's honor.

The two-sport Holloway played four seasons of baseball for the Vols, earning a career average of .353. He was listed in the top ten in SEC batting averages in his junior year. Holloway was drafted right out of high school by the Montreal Expos; four years later, they were still interested in him.

But Holloway chose football over baseball as his professional forte.

While playing football at Tennessee, Holloway quickly became a fan favorite, being known as the "Artful Dodger" as well as having a song, "All the Way Holloway," written in his honor. Holloway was also tabbed as the SEC Sophomore and Junior of the Year.

His football career at Tennessee included three bowl appearances (Astro-Bluebonnet, Gator and Liberty) and an overall record of 25-9-2. Holloway then went on to play 13 seasons in the Canadian Football League for Ottawa Rough Riders (1975-80), Toronto Argonauts (1981-86) and British Columbia Lions (1987), garnering the league's MVP in 1982.

His jersey was retired by the Argonauts and, more recently, he was notified he will be inducted into the CFL Hall of Fame this October.

Following his time "making it happen" in the CFL, Holloway returned to Tennessee to earn his degree and then he began to work in the operations and administration sides of athletics.

He always maintained a connection to the University, though, as he worked as a color analyst on Tennessee's pay-per-view football game telecasts. He also conducted dressing room interviews for the "Phillip Fulmer Show."

In 1998, Holloway returned to Knoxville as the Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations for UTAD.

Once a dazzling quarterback in the Tennessee program , Holloway now works with the next generation of dazzlers as they work their way through the Tennessee system as both students and athletes.

Holloway is one of Fulmer's top aides and uses the principles he gleaned in his dealings with the business end of athletics to continue to "make it happen" for the Vols.

This endowment is another way the Artful Dodger will "make it happen" for future Volunteers in the years to come.

Those who are interested in contributing to this endowment are encouraged to contact Mike Hamilton or Jim Phillips in the VASF office at (423) 974-1218.

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Former Vol Condredge Holloway and Mike Hamilton at the Nathan Dougherty Dinner.

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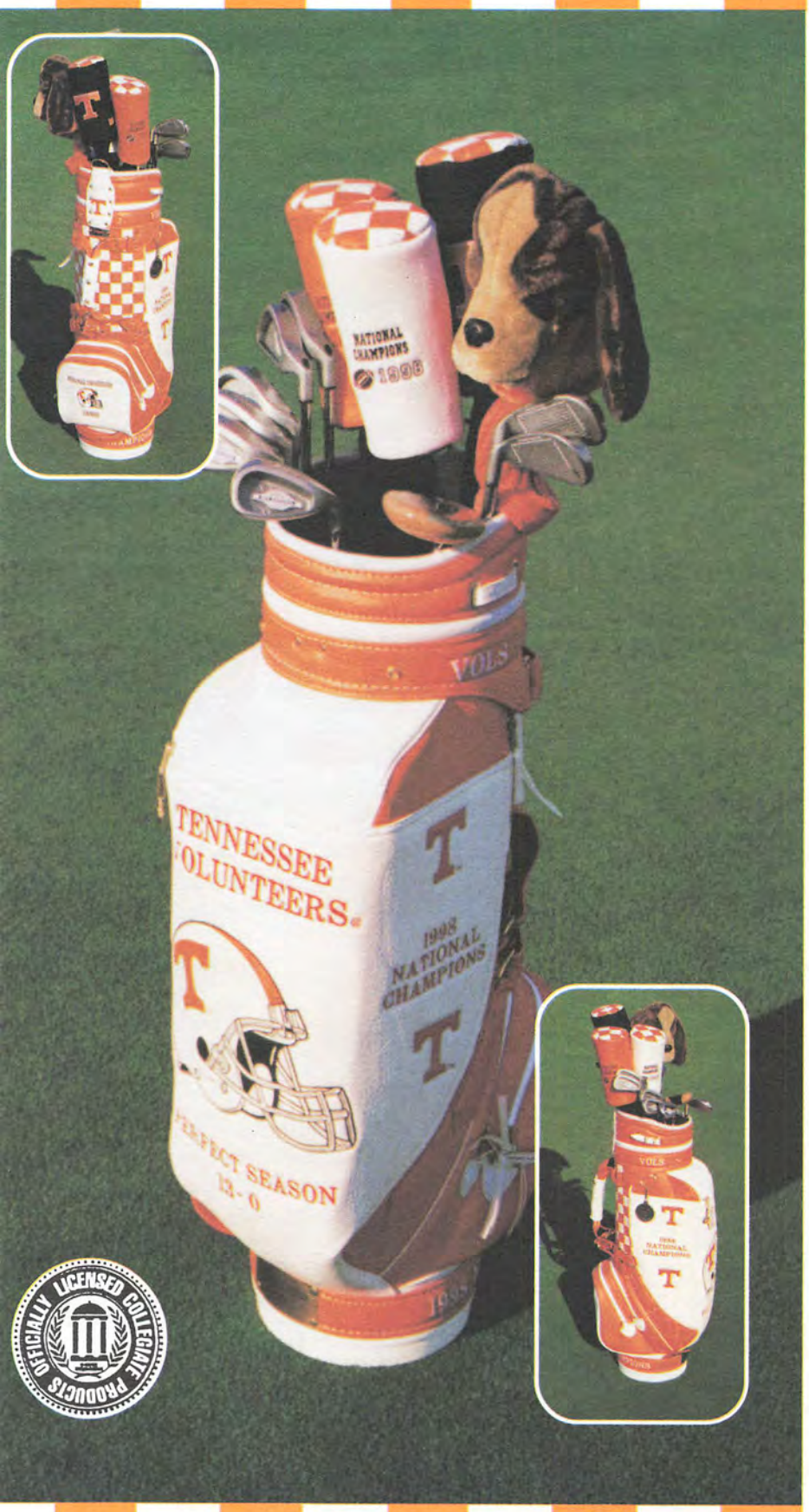

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Cross Country Finishes Third

The Tennessee Lady Vol cross country team competed at the Western Carolina Invitational Sept. 4, and took third place with 67 points in the women's team standings behind first-place Georgia (49) and second-place Clemson (64).

Georgia runner Erin Jones crossed the line first in the race, clocking-in at a time of 18:13. Following close behind was UT senior Angie Pothier, finishing at an 18:18 clip. Three other Lady Vols finished in the top 20, including freshman Christy Baird (19:15) and seniors Mindy Watkins (19:03) and Amy Bartosik (18:59), crossing in 17th, 13th and 11th places, respectively.

Senior Meghan Mantlo crossed the line in 26th place with a time of 19:54. Freshman Rebecca Collins finished strong in her first cross country race at any level, finishing in 45th place in a field of 85 with a clocking of 20:25. Freshman Amber Ayub finished the 5k course with a time of 21:56 in 55th place.

Volleyball Finds Rough Roads Out West

For the first time since 1991, the University of Tennessee volleyball team started the season with a perfect 3-0 mark. However, after the strong start they have found it tough going on the road.

In a most unexplainable fashion the Lady Vol volleyball team dropped a 3-2 (15-5, 7-15, 12-15, 15-12, 12-15) decision to San Francisco on Tuesday in San Francisco, Calif. Tennessee dropped the match to a USF squad which won only one match during the 1998 season. With the loss, UT falls to 3-2 overall, including 0-2 on the road, while the Dons even their ledger at 2-2.

Freshman outside hitter Kelli Scott (Peoria, Ariz.) paced the Lady Vol attack as she recorded a team-best 16 kills and 14 digs. Also posting double-figure kill matches were senior middle blocker Erika Brez (Washington, Mo.), sophomore middle blocker Ariana Wilson (Cincinnati, Ohio) and freshman Jennifer Elliott (Kyle, Texas) with 15, 14 and 10 kills apiece. Five Lady Vols registered double-figure dig matches.

Despite turning in their lowest hitting percentage of the season, Tennessee managed to outhit the Dons as they recorded a .197 attack mark compared to USF, which only hit .186.

Tennessee dropped their following match to the University of Hawai'i 3-0 as they dropped the match 19-17, 15-0 and 15-1. The Lady Vols fell to 3-3 on the season at the Aston's Imua Wahine Volleyball Challenge.

Tennessee began the season with a 3-0 mark after they defeated Providence 3-0 (15-7, 15-9, 16-14) in the first of its two matches on the day at the Days Inn/JMU Classic in Harrisonburg, Va. The Friars fell to 0-2.

Sophomore middle blocker Stephanie Knight (Gilbert, Ariz.) led the Lady Vol attack as she recorded a team-best 17 kills. Also posting double-figure kill matches were freshmen outside hitters Elliott (Kyle, Texas) and Scott with 13 and 11 kills apiece. Knight, Elliott and Scott would add 13, 11 and 10 digs, respectively for UT. Additionally, junior setter Laura Paul (Ballwin, Mo.) and sophomore setter Erica Lear (Columbus, Ind.) tallied 30 and 20 assists to the Lady Vol offensive attack. Senior middle blocker Brez was once again outstanding for UT as she turned in a nine-kill, five-block performance.

As a team Tennessee posted its third-consecutive match with a hitting percentage of .300 or higher as the Lady Vols recorded a .365 attack mark compared to the Friars' mark of.160.

Lady Vols Knock Off Marquette

Making its 1999 debut at the Tennessee Soccer Complex, the Lady Vol soccer team captured its home opener for the fourth consecutive season with a 4-2 triumph over Conference USA foe Marquette. Although the match was deadlocked at two goals apiece at the intermission, the All-Southeastern Conference duo of Laura Lauter and Allison Campbell each found the back of the net in the second stanza to lead the Orange and White to its initial win of the season.

Tennessee senior midfielder Kendyl Michner opened the scoring 13:37 into the match when she headed in a direct kick taken by junior midfielder Kelly Berrall. The Golden Eagles knotted the contest at 1-1 nearly seven minutes later when senior Kelly Roethe converted a penalty kick following a UT handball infraction inside of the box. The midfielder delivered a shot to the right side that eluded Lady Vol senior goalkeeper Sarah Shivley.

Head coach Charlie MacCabe's club seized the advantage for the second time on the afternoon at 22:35 following a brilliant individual effort by Lauter. The speedy forward from Farragut, Tenn., received a touch pass from Campbell and managed to lure MU junior keeper Mo Bothwell out of position. From there, Lauter lofted a left-side shot from 20 yards out into the vacant net. Marquette answered again at 26:22 to even the score at two, when Tennessee was whistled for pulling an opposing defender down inside of the box. Once again, Roethe stepped up the penalty hash mark and went to the right side just inside the post for her second goal of the day.

The hosts moved ahead to stay at 50:35, when Lauter's attempt found the lower corner of the goal past Bothwell. Michner was credited with the assist, as her feed enabled Lauter to ease past the Golden Eagle defenders. The multiple-goal effort was the sixth of the junior's career.

The Lady Vols added an insurance goal with 17:12 remaining in the contest, as Campbell's blast from 45 yards out went over the head of MU substitute goalkeeper Ashleigh Koenig. Sophomore Sharon Holmes set the play up with a well-timed pass to Campbell, who arched a high shot that the keeper could not get back in time to stop.

On the afternoon, UT held a 16-6 shot advantage while Marquette managed a 7-6 edge in corner kicks. Shivley made three saves to register the win and Bothwell recorded four saves in the setback.

Lady Vols Open Season on Road

Playing before a crowd of 4,655 fans at Fetzer Field in Chapel Hill, the second-largest regular-season attendance in North Carolina's illustrious history, the Lady Volunteer soccer team opened its fourth season of competition against the No. 1 Tar Heels.

Head coach Charlie MacCabe's club more than held its own against the powerhouse program which is looking for its record 16th NCAA championship and 19th straight Final Four appearance, but eventually fell to the hosts by a 3-0 count.

— Lady Vol Media Relations

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Faces in Big Orange Country

Tennessee has had a few big men pass through the hallowed locker room underneath Neyland Stadium. And of those men, some have etched their names in Tennessee history. It is too early to tell whether or not **John Finlayson**, a 6-4, 280 pound TE from Selmer will leave his name in the Vol lore books, but he is awfully hard to miss on Saturdays in Neyland Stadium Last season the sophomore caught four passes for 47 yards and scored a touchdown against Houston. On his 21-yard jaunt to paydirt, Finlayson showed his muscle and agility both outrunning defenders and bowling over some that stood between him and the endzone. The Vol coaching staff expects great things from Finlayson. As a junior in high school at tight end, Finlayson caught 32 passes for 486 yards and six scores for McNairy Central High School. He earned both All-State and All-West Tennessee honors in both his junior and senior campaigns.

Senior **Angie Pothier** has begun the 1999 cross country schedule strong, picking up where she left off last year, placing second overall in the first event of the year at the Papa's Pizza Western Carolina Invitational with a clocking of 18:18.00. An All-Region selection as a Lady Vol a year ago, Pothier played a critical role in UT's NCAA Championships berth in 1998. A junior college transfer in '98, she finished her JUCO career at the College of Southern Idaho by finishing third overall at the Willamette Invitational in Salem, Ore., with a time of 18:01.00. Ran a career-best in Mesa, Ariz. (17:56). She placed fourth at the NJCAA and placed fifth in the 3000 at the JUCO track & field championships.A native of Vancouver, Wash., Pother is a biology major and plans to become a dental hygienist.

Sophomore golfer **Young-A Yang**, the 1999 SEC Freshman of the Year, is poised to repeat the success she found in her first season on the course as a Lady Vol. She enters the 1999-2000 campaign ranked No. 11 in the preseason MasterCard individual rankings, after earning a spot among the top 25 throughout the spring. She finished last season with a stroke average of 74.71, which ranks as the lowest single-season average in the program's history, and recorded six top-10 finishes. Yang followed with a summer of national competition, participating in the 99th U.S. Women's Amateur and advancing to the round of 16 in match play. Yang hails from Tae-Gu City, South Korea. She earned All-America Honorable Mention honors from the National Golf Coaches Association and was named the SEC Freshman of the Year as well as All-SEC First Team.

This junior defensive back from Memphis has waited patiently in the wings until his time arrived. The moment has now arrived as **Andre Lott** anchors down one of the hottest corner spots in the SEC. He earned his first career start against Wyoming where he had three tackles (two solos and one assist) in the Vols 42-17 triumph over the Cowboys. Lott played in all 13 games for the Vols last season behind both Dwayne Goodrich and Steve Johnson. Much is expected from the 5-11, 185 DB, but he is not one to back down from a challenge. The true test of his ability will have arrived by game two of the 1999 season when the Vols travel to Gainesville to play the Florida Gators. During his senior campaign in high school for Memphis Melrose, Lott earned Memphis' Defensive Player of the Year honors for his 88 tackles, 12 sacks, 10 interceptions and three fumble recoveries.

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Dwayne Goodrich climbed into a tie for 10th on UT's all-time interception list with a pick against Wyoming.

The stop of LSU's Billy Cannon in 1959. Dale Jones' interception against Alabama in 1985. The stifling of the Miami's vaunted passing attack in the 1986 Sugar Bowl. Bill Duff's goal line stop of Ohio State's Eddie George in the 1996 Citrus Bowl. All are great defensive moments in Volunteer football history.

Another moment to add to that list came in the 1999 Fiesta Bowl. It was Dwayne Goodrich's 54-yard interception return for a touchdown. It was a moment that made every highlight show the following day and earned Goodrich a spot in UT lore.

"I think that's something I'll have to look back on four or five years from now to really understand it," Goodrich said.

That play may have permanently etched Goodrich in the college football history books, but his stellar play has long been noticed by the Vol faithful.

Goodrich made his way to Knoxville from Oak Lawn, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, as the nation's top prep defensive back. He was *Prep Football Report's* 1995 co-defensive player of the year, along with fellow Vol Shaun Ellis. *USA Today* ranked Goodrich the No. 2 defensive player in the country in 1995.

But during fall practice of his freshman year, Goodrich got a taste of what Division I-A football was all about.

"I was supposed to be covering Joey Kent, our best receiver and one of the best in the country, and on the first play, he just ran right by me," Goodrich said during an interview his sophomore year. "It was a post pattern, but one minute he was in front of me and the next thing I knew he was behind me catching the football. I knew at that point things were going to be different from high school, but I also realized I was only a freshman and this was my time to learn."

And learn is exactly what Goodrich has done.

After seeing extensive playing time as a freshman, he worked his way into the staring lineup his sophomore year and started 10 of the 12 games in which he played. Last season he became a fixture at right cornerback where he started all 13 games.

He became the stopper in the Vol secondary, a role that has been filled recently by current NFL players Raymond Austin (Chicago Bears) and Terry Fair (Detroit Lions).

Entering his senior season, Goodrich was selected as one of six captains by his teammates, a selection which shows the type of player he is.

"I have been a captain at every level I have played and I wanted to be a captain here as well," he said. "It means a lot to me to be a captain.

"I'm not one those guys who talk a lot. I just go out there and play hard. When I was a freshman, I used to watch Raymond Austin play hard so that made me want to play hard. He led by example. I want the young guys to look at me playing hard and be like, 'Man I want to play like Dwayne.'"

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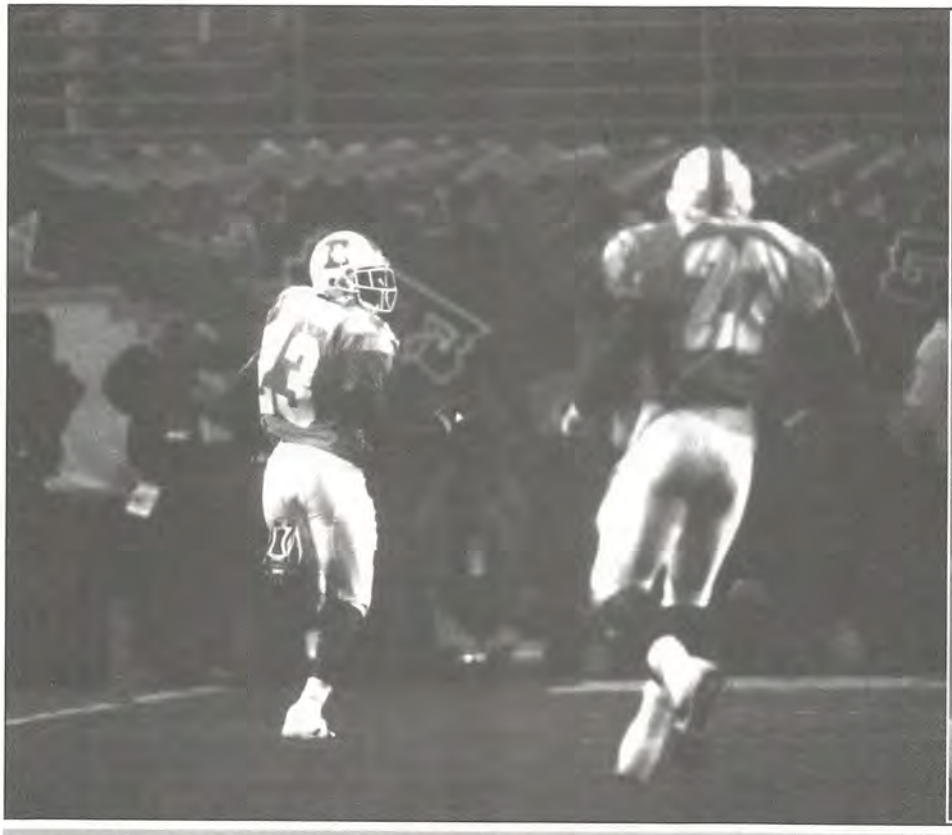
> ***—DWAYNE GOODRICH***

Even though Goodrich has considerable playing experience, he still knows he has to work hard every day.

"I have to work on staying focused every day," he said. "I have to train hard every day and remember I will face a top receiver every week. I have to practice hard every day and give 100 percent



Dwayne Goodrich (left picture) takes off for the end zone after picking off a pass against Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl. Goodrich will take on the task of defending the opposing teams top receiver week after week in his senior season.

effort every time. I came here to be the best defensive back, and I know that can't happen if I don't give 100 percent every time."

Goodrich has been making an impact on the field since his arrival. He recovered four fumbles and had two interceptions, returning one for a touchdown, his freshman year. His nose for the ball and the end zone continued his sophomore year with four interceptions with one returned for a touchdown. He picked off three passes in 1998 during the regular season, and then capped the season with the aforementioned oskie in the Fiesta Bowl. It was a play that helped him earn defensive Most Valuable Player honors despite playing just half the game due to an injury.

"It was a case of me playing aggressively and a bad throw," Goodrich said of the interception after the game. "The ball floated out there, but I still had to make a great play on the ball. I figured they were about to run the out route. I knew just to sit on the route. I knew I just had to try to make a play."

It was the stuff dreams are made of.

"You dream of this as a little kid growing up," Goodrich said. "Being a defensive back and getting an interception for a touchdown in the national championship game is every defensive back's dream. I'm happy my dream came true. I didn't care about the MVP. I just wanted to go out and help my team win the game."

Goodrich started the 1999 season in the same fashion. During the Vols' 42-17 win against Wyoming in the season opener, Goodrich snagged his 10th career interception. That placed him in a tie for 10th on the Vols' all-time interception list.

Goodrich's interception came during a 28-point second quarter the Vols handed the Cowboys.

"It was being in the right spot at the right time," he said. "The quarterback overthrew his receiver, and it fell into my arms. It was a slant route. Because of the pressure, he overthrew it and I was right there."

Goodrich gave credit to the defensive front seven for the interception. The constant pressure, which included a school-record 13 sacks, made the job of the secondary easier.

"The secondary is only as good as our defensive front," he said. "As good as our defensive backs are, they can only cover for five or six seconds. When you have defensive linemen flying in the quarterback's face it makes it easier for us.

"When you get a push from the defensive front it can disrupt any offense. Anytime you get double digit sacks, it makes the secondary's job easier."

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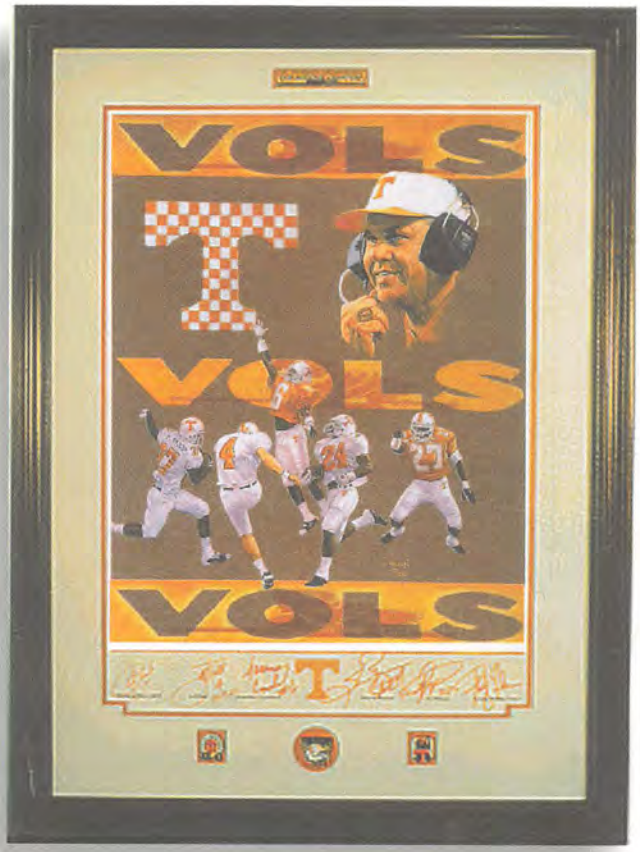

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The Last Word - A Talk with Dr. Wade Gilley

Dr. Gilley spoke to Tennesseans and other notables at White House ceremonies honoring the 1998 national champions at the White House Aug. 17.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *What follows is the product of an interview* ***VOLUNTEERS Magazine*** *editor Tom Mattingly conducted with new University of Tennessee president Dr. J. Wade Gilley. The date was Friday, Aug. 13, with the interview taking place in Dr. Gilley's eighth floor office in Andy Holt Tower on campus. That same day, Dr. Gilley's picture was on the current issue of Knoxville's Metro Pulse magazine along with new Knox County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Charles Lindsey.*

"The next five years at the University of Tennessee will be a time of great change and we believed we needed someone with strong management skills and the ability to lead us into the twenty-first century with energy and enthusiasm," trustee Susan Williams told ***VOLUNTEERS Magazine****. "I believe Dr. Gilley beings a fresh approach and management style to our University, but also has the background to appreciate and understand our history, to be able to keep the best of what we have and bring innovation where we need it. We look forward to working with him to bring us into the next century."*

Out the window to the west was the panorama of the campus, including Hudson Field, the Neyland-Thompson Sports Center and Stokely Athletics Center. Dr. Gilley was wearing an Orange and White tie and a white shirt with "University of Tennessee" emblazoned just above the pocket.

He had been in office just 13 days and was, like many of us on staff, preparing to go to Washington, D.C., to meet with President Clinton and Vice President Gore a mere four days later, as we reported in our last issue.

The conversation covered a wide range of topics and began with a discussion of Dr. Gilley's athletic career and time at Virginia Tech and Marshall. The interview was delayed briefly by a phone call from Dr. Gilley's high school football coach, the upshot of which was a request for tickets to the Notre Dame game this November.

We began with Dr. Gilley's athletic career.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: I understand you were an athlete in your younger days.

DR. GILLEY: That's probably a stretch. I played high school football. I went to Virginia Tech thinking I was going to play football and ended up getting a Ph.D. in engineering instead.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: Comment on your experience at Marshall and before.

DR. GILLEY: We were a statewide institution at Marshall. We had several centers across the state. We had a manufacturing extension division. Our medical school had rural practice clinics in almost every locality throughout the state. We were not the Land Grant university, but we had a statewide mission. I worked at Virginia Tech for a while and was Secretary of Education in Virginia, a position that has jurisdiction over all of higher education. So I have a background and a sense of a statewide mission and operations.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: What was it that attracted you to Tennessee?

DR. GILLEY: I hadn't really thought that much about it. I had been contacted about a number of other universities, a couple of them in the West and a couple in the South. I was looking at the option of early retirement in two or three years.

As I grew up in southwest Virginia in the 1950s, the University of Tennessee was the closest big-time sports program. Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia were struggling, to put it mildly, but, by that time, the University of Tennessee had already won a national championship. My high school at Fries, Va., ran the single-wing. The school doesn't exist any more, like a lot of rural high schools, because of consolidation.

I was very much aware of the University of Tennessee. In 1984-86, I did a national study of campuses that were "on the move" and UT was one of them. Jack Reese was Chancellor and Homer Fisher was Vice Chancellor.

I felt very much at home here. I met with some of the board members in Washington, D.C., and I was really impressed with the board members' commitment to and vision for the University. Many boards are satisfied with where they are and they want to continue doing the same thing. The board told me they wanted the University of Tennessee to be known as well academically as it is athletically. That's the challenge they laid out. Then I asked them exactly what they expected of the president.

They had four things on the list and I was impressed by what they said. They wanted someone who can, while striving for global recognition and competing with the best public universities in the country, maintain the culture and

integrity of the University. They wanted someone to be more aggressive in lobbying the state for money and creating new sources of revenue, all the things I had advocated in my writings and positions I'd been in over the years.

That attracted me and it snowballed from that point. It happened faster than I had time to think about it. The interviews were Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and the board met on Friday and offered me the job. We had thought about it pretty seriously for about a month. It was a great honor and I'm very pleased to be here.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: How do athletics and academics interact and what is the proper balance?

DR. GILLEY: For a long time, an institution of higher learning has had many important parts. For example, you don't just have students in the classroom, but you have the Extension Service providing programs and activities all across the state. Athletics has become an integral part of major public land grant universities for the last 100 years. It's growing. It's very important to keep the alumni interested, for national visibility, and, when you win, it's very important for donations and contributions.

When I was at Marshall, we had a woman who had lived there since 1938, and who had never been invited to take a tour of campus. In September 1991, I invited her to a football game and she came with her 83-year-old husband. That was really his last outing. He died three months later. They had such a great time she adopted the university. The next year, she gave $2 million to the football program and $2 million for scholarships in medicine and other things. Now she's given $3.5 million for the arts and a jazz center and $16 million for a cancer center. It's now up to the neighborhood of $30-35 million and it all started with an invitation to a football game.

She did not go to college, but she was a smart woman who adopted Marshall University. Athletics lead to a lot of things. They help get people excited about the University. Sometimes pure academics can't reach everybody. Athletics are an integral part of the whole deal.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: What was your experience with Marshall's football program?

DR. GILLEY: I learned that it was a grueling path for the president. Five out of six years, we played 15 games. Most years, there would be 11 or 12 home games. We had some pretty nice skyboxes and we were always entertaining. There was always something to do on Saturday. It added a dimension to the University, our fund-raising and our national image. We became better known.

I was in Belgium a couple of years ago doing some shopping and saw some European kids wearing Marshall shirts. It was a surprise, but we forget that with global television those images are being shot all over the world.

When Randy Moss was at Marshall, he caught an 88-yard touchdown pass against Army in a game broadcast on ESPN. He hurdled two kids, stiff-armed another and ran away from the rest. The rest of the year that run was replayed more than 1000 times. That sure helped our name recognition.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: What would you want Tennessee people to know about you?

DR. GILLEY: They ought to know that I'm a supporter of athletics. I've been to a lot of games and plan to go to a lot more. I plan to go on the road with the football team for every game this year. Something might interrupt that, but I'll be there for most of them. I'm going to be a strong supporter of athletics because I think it's very important to the University.

I also think that the University of Tennessee community - that's everybody - needs to get behind the University because our state funding has been slipping. In the last five years, our state funding has only increased by two percent, while the state budget has gone up by 25 percent. When you factor in inflation, the University has seen its state budget decline by 10 or 12 percent these last five years.

We can't allow that slippage to continue. We've going to have to take some aggressive action and make our case with the legislators. We're going to have to raise a lot more private money. We raised tuition 15 percent before I arrived here and I agreed with that. We need more money from the state.

All of our friends from around the state will have to help us. It will have to be a team Tennessee effort to up that budget so we can compete academically with Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Georgia and places like that, places which have had good funding the last five years.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: How will you make that case?

DR. GILLEY: We're putting together a case study of how the University competes financially in state appropriations and student fees with LSU, Arkansas, Missouri, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. We're doing very well competing with them athletically now.

Regardless of what anyone says, that's who we're going to compete with, the best in the country. We're putting together a case study looking at where are we now and how do we stack up those folks. We're going to carry that message to the legislature and the people. It has to be everybody. It can't be just Wade Gilley. I can just be part of the

Dr. Gilley is UT's 20th president and succeeded Dr. Joe Johnson Aug. 1.

team, provide some ideas and do some quarterbacking. The Alumni Association is very excited about getting into this.

Tennessee would not be the same without the University of Tennessee. This University is precious. The states with the best universities will have the best ideas, the best-trained people, and will be the most successful economically. I know Tennessee wants to be in that number. I think we can make the case.

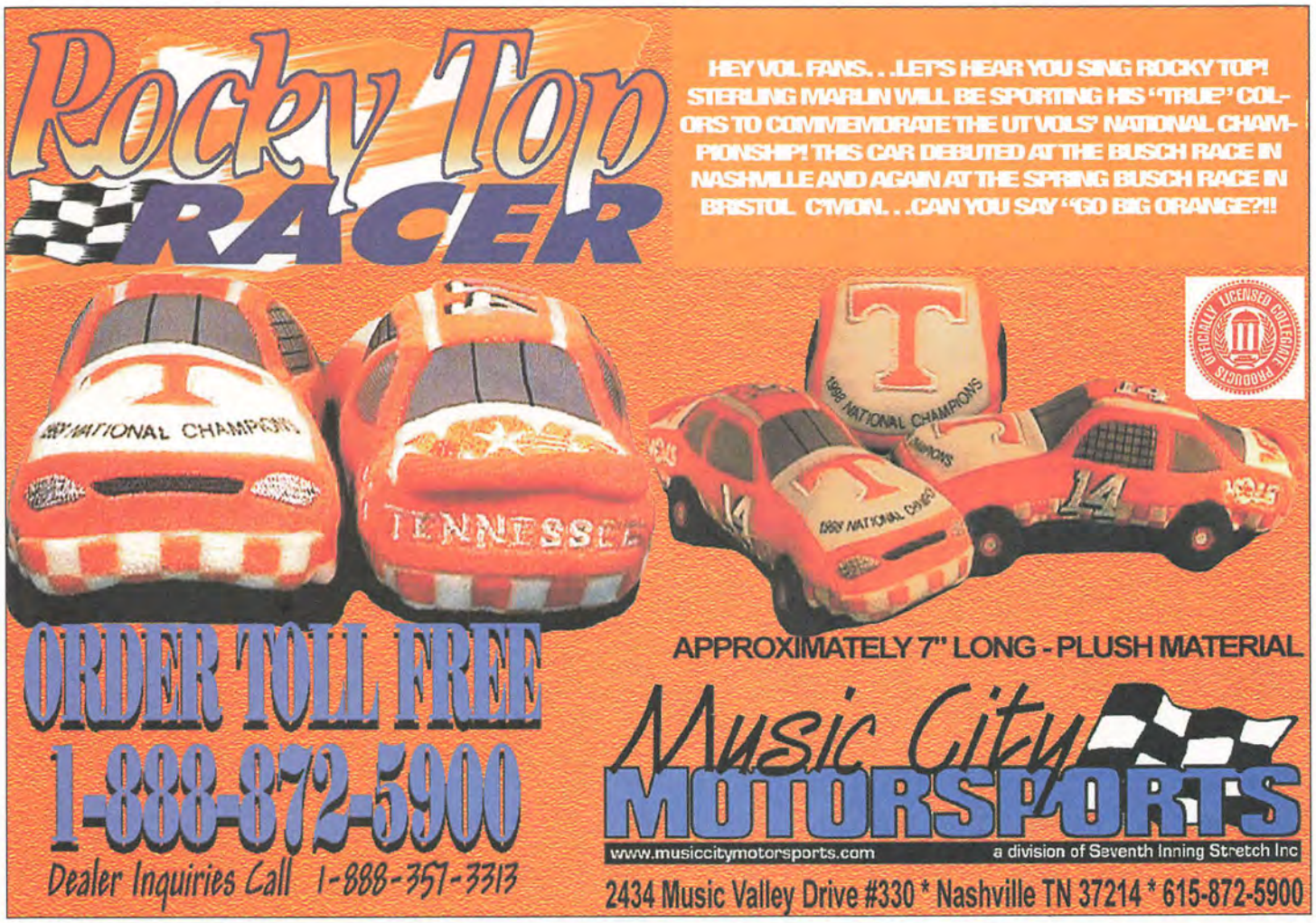
It's going to take everybody, like supporters of athletics, the alumni, and the Farm Bureau. We're all going to have to get together on the same page and let the state know we're going to compete with those national universities academically as well as athletically. I think we can and I think we will. We have to get together and tell that story. We're going to have to move hard to keep up with the way the world is changing.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: What would you like people to say about you when your time here is over?

DR. GILLEY: I would hope they would say we got on the track that started moving the University toward head-to-head competition with the best public universities in the country academically in research, teaching and public service, just like we're very good and we're head-to-head with the best universities athletically now.

That can't be done in five, six or eight years, but, after five years or so, we'll know if we're on the right path. I would like for us to create the same level of excitement about competing with universities such as Michigan academically as there is competing athletically.

—Tom Mattingly



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